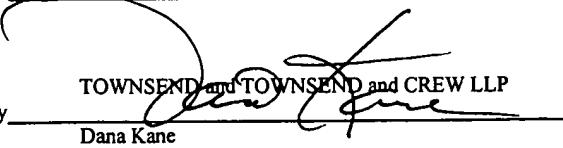




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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's decision dated April 14, 1999 rejecting claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-25, 27-35, 37, 40 and 45.

A Petition to extend time to respond for three months is enclosed.

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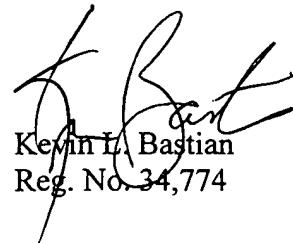
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An Amendment and the Declaration of Nickolai N. Alexandrov with Exhibits A, B and C also accompany this Notice.

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